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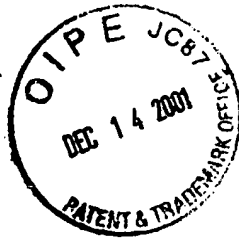
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NAGATA et al.

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Title: ORIENTATION MEASURING INSTRUMENT



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 15, 2001, and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1-3 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claims 1-3 is set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached to this Amendment.

1. (Amended) An orientation measuring instrument comprising:

A' a dielectric resonator having a plane being in contact with a sample, sample dielectric resonator arranged on a first surface of the sample;

a microwave exciter generating an electric field vector having a unidirectional component at a frequency in the vicinity of the resonance frequency of said dielectric resonator when the sample is present and in an in-sample plane parallel to said plane in said dielectric resonator;

a detector detecting transmission energy or reflection energy by said dielectric resonator;

a rotation mechanism rotating said sample or said dielectric resonator in a plane parallel to said plane; and

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